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Troubleshooting Filament Circuits in A-C / D-C Models

It is generally simpler to service a dead set than one with any other symptoms. In some cases, however, the source of trouble is an unexpected one and not readily located. This is particularly true where we have a dead set in which one or more tubes do not light up. A methodical procedure will save much time in locating such trouble.

If a fuse blows when an a-c/d-c receiver is turned on, a short between both ends of the line is obviously present. On an a-c set, this is often due to a defective power transformer being burned out by being plugged into a d-c power supply. On an a-c/d-c set, a shorted bypass capacitor connected from the plate of the half-wave rectifier to ground is frequently responsible. On both types, a shorted plug or line cord will, of course, blow a fuse.

Speaking of shorted plugs, a nasty burn may be inflicted on the unwary radio service man's hand, if the short is a hot, rather than a cold one—i. e., if a gap present between the two ends of the line is small enough to be jumped by an arcing current when the plug is inserted into the female outlet.

Not infrequently, a filament resistor on an a-c/d-c set becomes shorted to chassis through its casing, causing a fuse to blow. Where the filament resistor is mounted on a bolt, rather than welded to the chassis, the trouble may be due to insulating washers that permit the resistors to short to ground through the bolt.

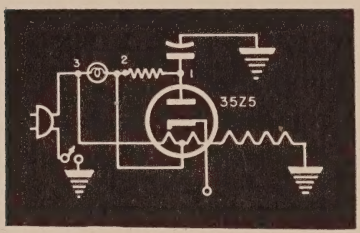

Fig. 1. Checking for line shorts. Tests are made between points 1, 2, 3 and ground, with switch open.

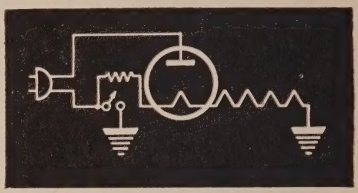

Fig. 2. Reversing plate and negative leads of resistor cord will disconnect filament circuit.

To check for line short, the power supply should be disconnected, and a test made for the lowest resistance reading between ground and various points in the high side of the line circuit; Fig. 1. When the point at which the lowest reading is found, the various components attached to that point should be disconnected one at a time, repeating the ohmmeter test. When the short reading is present, only when a certain unit is connected into the circuit, and absent when it is disconnected, that unit is the guilty one.

If no fuse blows, the tubes should be checked for filament lighting. If no tube lights, the external power supply may be off, due to an open fuse, or the female outlet may be defective. A neon tester lamp, or an a-c voltage test, will quickly detect these troubles.

If the power supply and outlet check okeh, the set's male plug should be inspected. On open-type plugs, the weld joining the prongs to the base often loosens, resulting in a poor contact when the plug is placed into the outlet.

If the male plug appears to be good, one or more tube filaments may be open. If the set is an a-c type, and only

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one tube does not light, the trouble is readily apparent. If no tube lights, the power transformer secondary should be tested for filament voltage supply. Then the primary should be checked for 110-120 v a-c.

If any of the present transformer windings read open, and a burnt odor is present in the immediate vicinity of the power transformer, the unit is probably defective, and should be replaced. If no burnt odor can be detected the leads of the winding should be carefully inspected, since power transformers rarely develop open windings merely from long use.

Sometimes a lead becomes nicked and broken by constant wear against the edge of a chassis hole through which it feeds. Cases also occur where twin pairs of leads are present. If the twin leads are not soldered together, the winding may read open, although it is actually perfect.

A similar condition is met when twin lead center-tappings are present. If the twin wires are not soldered together, the winding will be open-circuited.

When the tubes in an a-c/d-c model do not light, tube filaments, plug, line, or resistor cord and switch should be checked in the order listed. On closed-type plugs, pulling on each of the wires at the point where they enter the plug will generally reveal an open, if it exists, the end of the loose wire pulling out. Resistor cords frequently develop an open at the plug, where the fragile resistor wire breaks off from the rectifier plate lead to which it is attached. Since the break is not readily visible, the resistor wire should be carefully unwound until the open is located. Generally only a few windings have to be removed before the break is revealed.

Sometimes tube filaments, resistor cord and switch will test perfect, but the tubes will not light. A reversal of plate and negative leads of the resistor cord should be checked; Fig. 2. The filaments will not light when the resistor cord leads are reversed, since they are connected to only one side of the line, not both.

At times an error of this sort may be encountered on a voltage-doubler power supply. Many are puzzled as to where the negative lead of the resistor

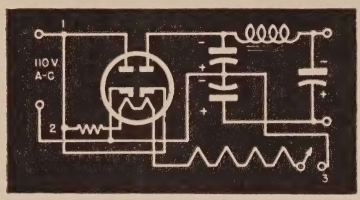

Fig. 3. Proper resistor cord hookup in a voltage-doubler circuit; 1 is a plate lead; 2, a filament resistor; 3, negative lead.

cord goes. Regardless of the circuit, this lead must go to the last tube filament exit point; Fig. 3.

Infrequently, a set will come off the assembly line incorrectly wired. Tracing out the filament hookup will be necessary to find the errors. In one recent case, matters were somewhat complicated by the owner's report that an a-c/d-c midget had been playing until recently. Inspection showed that the 50L6 had been wired so that the leads that should have gone to prong 1 went to prong 2 and those that should have gone to 2 went to 3, etc. The filament circuit was thus open, and the set couldn't possibly play. In spite of this, the lady swore on her honor that the set had been performing perfectly before it went bad!

A shorted tube on an a-c/d-c set may cut off filament current from several other tubes. Let us suppose that the shorted tube, and the tubes deprived of filament voltage are metal types, whereas the lighted ones are glass; Fig. 4. The lighted glass tubes often mislead, suggesting that the filament circuit is okeh. Thus long, useless tests of plate, screen, grid, and other circuits are made, since the filaments are generally the very last to be suspected and tested. To avoid such a time-wasting procedure, low-voltage metal tubes should be felt for heat as a rough, quick check on the presence of filament voltage.

When metal tubes feel warm and the glass tubes in an a-c/d-c set don't light up or when glass tubes light up and metal tubes feel cold, a shorted

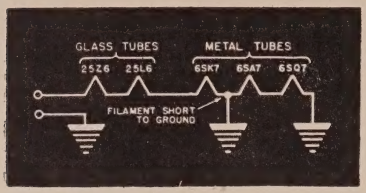

Fig. 4. Short from arrow point to ground will prevent filament current flow to the metal 6SA7 and 6SQ7 tubes. The glass tubes will remain lighted in this case, and the filament circuit will therefore not be suspected.

tube is probably present. In the latter case, it should be noted that the glass tubes usually light far more brightly than usual.

When high-voltage tubes, such as the 50L6, develop shorts between their filaments and other tube elements, the cathode resistor of the tube generally smokes, due to the excessive plate current. This clue should lead to quick detection of the trouble. It may be difficult to locate this type of defect quickly, when the short is of the **hot** type, and does not show up in the tube tester. Substitution of another tube, and observing whether the cathode resistor still overheats, constitutes the best test in these cases.

Series-connected tubes in a-c/d-c sets sometimes may not light because one of them may have been incorrectly forced into its socket. If the tubes are not withdrawn for testing, this type of trouble may not be obvious. Even when they are withdrawn and checked, they may be incorrectly re-inserted because . . . the **key** hole in the socket has been enlarged or the tubes have been replaced while the chassis is in the cabinet with insufficient light to guide during the operation. An ever-present alertness is the only guard against the time-wasting tests that result when this happens.

Tubes may have been incorrectly inserted into their sockets because their **key** sections have been broken off.

Filaments may not light because the tubes are in the wrong sockets. This generally occurs only when a detector tube like the 6SQ7, with filament prongs located at 7 and 8, has been interchanged with a tube whose filaments are the more usual 2 and 7. Since the detector tube socket will have filament connections leading from the other tubes to contact 7 and 8, the trouble may be readily located and corrected.

Defective grounds may prevent a set from lighting. On some old t-r-f models, the last tube in a series-connected filament string returns to ground through a weld-joining socket to chassis. If the weld becomes rusty, the contact may become open circuited.

The most frequent cause of intermittent lighting is a defective plug. When an enclosed, rubber plug is suspected, it should be moved around in the outlet to note if the tubes light intermittently. The line cord should be checked next, by moving one section about, while holding the other section still.

To illustrate this test, suppose we choose a point, say, 10" from the plug on the line cord, and call this point X. The cord should be held at point X firmly, so that the 10" section of wire between X and the plug does not move. The rest of the wire should be shaken. If the tube filaments continue going on and off, the section between X and the plug has been eliminated as the source of trouble, and a new point, Y, to say 20" from the plug's end, may be chosen, with similar tests made, until the troublesome section of wire is located.

One might ask why we should go to such extremes to locate the exact point of the trouble, when the line cord may be quickly and cheaply replaced. Well, not until we are sure of exactly where the defect lies, can we be cer-

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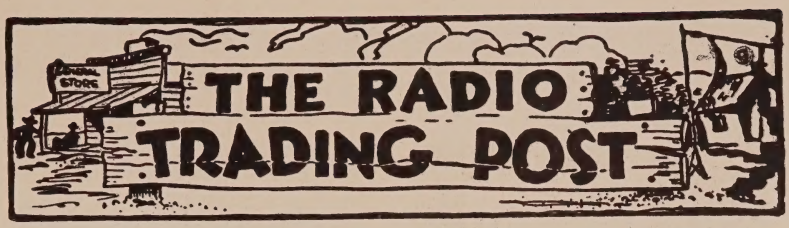

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RECEIVER INPUT CIRCUITS*

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Coupling Coil Link

In Fig. 5 we have Firestone model S-7400-1 which uses a removable loop fitted with a plug and a high-impedance antenna coupling coil. High-impedance primaries are better than

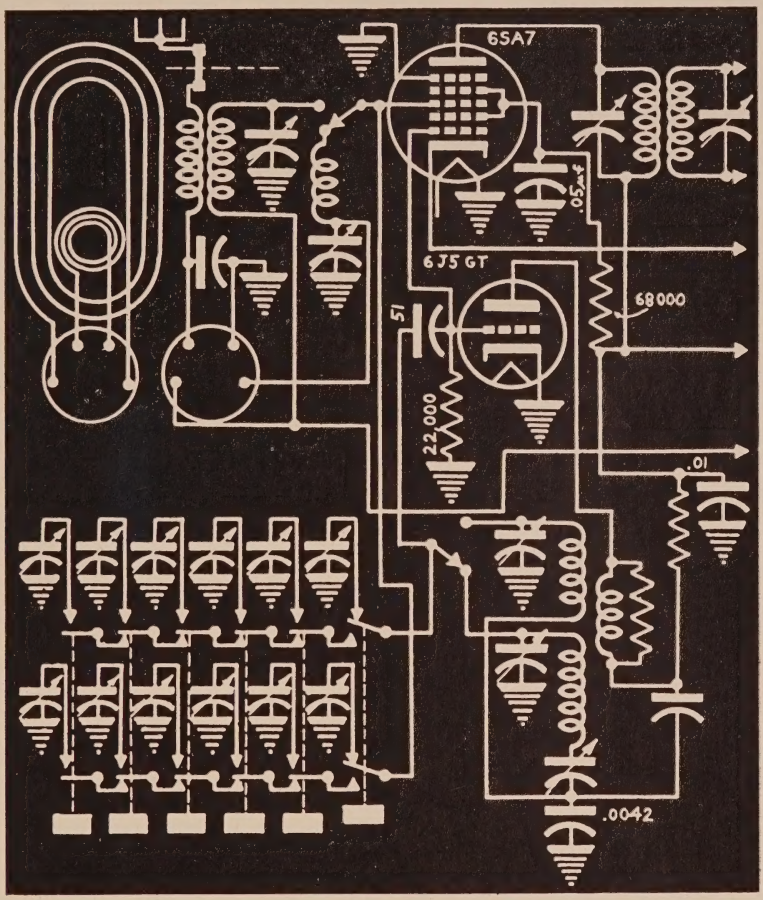

Fig. 5. Loop antenna system used in the Firestone S-7400-1. A high-impedance primary is used with the loop to provide uniform frequency response.

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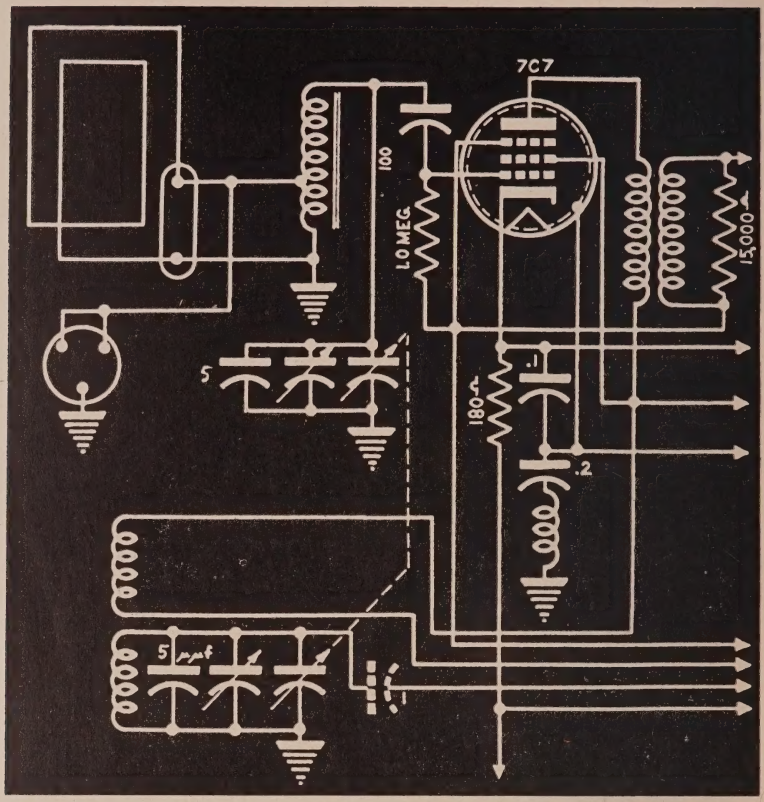

Fig. 6. Loop circuit of the Philco 42-1004. The loop is a low-impedance type, and is coupled to the r-f tube through an autotransformer type antenna coil.

single-turn primaries, providing more uniform coupling with varying frequency. However the expense is often too high for small sets. Many receivers using high-impedance coils have a shorting link to short circuit the primary when the external antenna is not used. This prevents absorption from the loop at resonant points of the primary coil within the broadcast band.

The loop plug is a good feature. It provides better calibration stability since placing of the leads does not affect the tuning.

This Firestone model is a 2-band unit with a plate antenna on the rear of the cabinet for short-waves. A loop loading coil is also used. A 110-mmfd high-frequency bypass capacitor across the antenna primary prevents the primary from acting as a r-f choke on short-waves, permitting however most of the broadcast signal to get through. This eliminates switching. The external antenna feeds the loop primary through a short-wave transformer, but the inductance of this primary is so

low that it doesn't attenuate broadcast frequencies.

Philco Low-Impedance Loop

An unusual loop circuit is used by Philco in some of their receivers, as in Fig. 6, model 42-1004. Here we have a low-impedance loop which is coupled to the r-f amplifier by means of an antenna transformer. Actually this transformer is an extremely critical, very high-Q autotransformer which provides for very close coupling between the tapped lower section (primary) and the remainder of the coil. The loop itself has only a few turns and is insensitive to capacity effects and calibration changes. Both the Q and the response change little within the broadcast band. The external antenna is connected through a plug to the same tap as the loop. This low-impedance loop system lends itself readily to band-switching by means of taps on the coupling transformer.

The loop circuit is isolated from the input grid by a 100-mmfd blocking capacitor, the grid circuit being com-

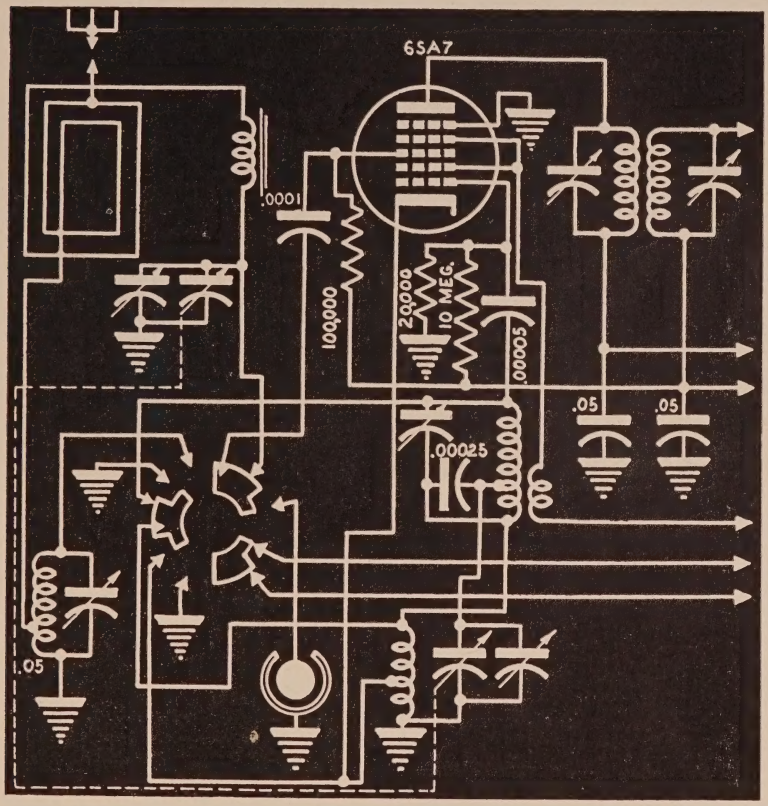

Fig. 7. Two-band loop used in the Continental C7. External antenna requires no additional switching, because of the autotransformer-type coupling arrangement.

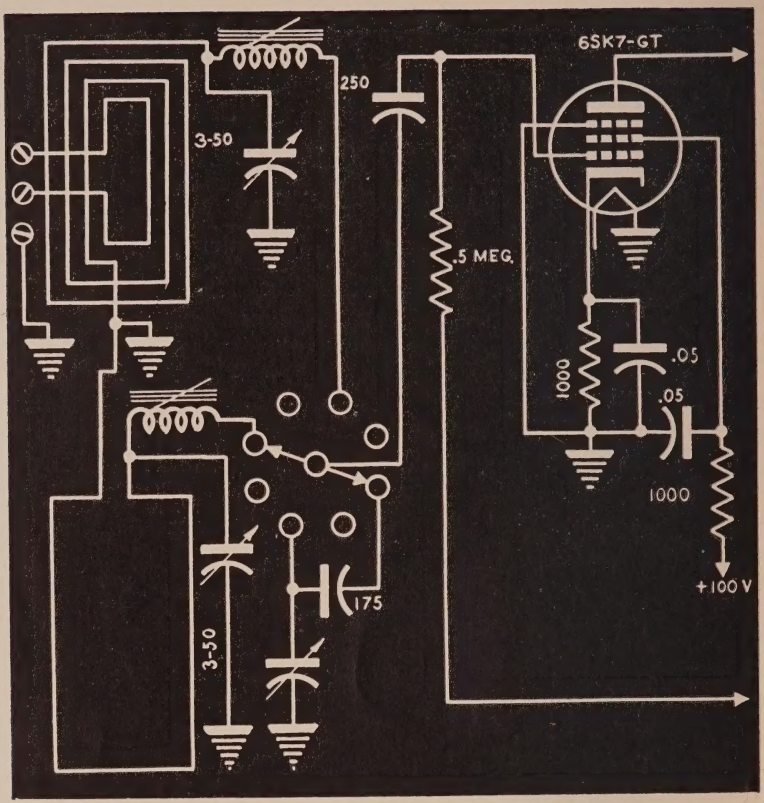

Fig. 8. Loop system of the Scott Laureate. Two loops are used, one for each band. Loading coils are inserted in series with the loops to provide uniform frequency response.

pleted by a 1-megohm resistor to the avc bus. This receiver uses an untuned r-f transformer for coupling between r-f amplifier and first detector. A 15,000-ohm secondary loading resistor is used to broaden the response sufficiently to cover the entire broadcast band.

It is interesting to note that low-impedance loops are being used in most all modern radio compasses, direction finders and loop homing devices aboard aircraft. The loop is coupled to the receiver through a low-impedance transmission line which is free of capacity loading and other capacity effects and may be of any length without affecting the tuning of the receiver. This is not the case with conventional high-impedance loops.

Continental Radio Coupling System

An ingenious coupling arrangement for broadcast and short-wave bands is used in the circuit of Fig. 7 (Continental Radio & Television Corp., model C 7). A tapped loop, tapped short-wave antenna transformer and an

iron-core loop-loading coil are used. The loop circuit runs from chassis through a few turns of the short-wave transformer, through the loop and loading coil to a 6SA7 grid. The external antenna is coupled to the loop by direct connection to a low-impedance tap (near the low potential end). On short-waves the loop acts as a capacity antenna connected to a low-impedance tap on the autotransformer. If the external antenna is added, so much the better, but no change in circuit is required. The loading coil acts as a r-f choke on short-waves, preventing shunting of the signals to ground through the tuning condenser which is not used on this band. Again, an isolating capacitor of 100-mmfd is used, but the grid leak is of a lower value, 100,000 ohms.

Two-Band Input System

Fig. 8 shows the antennas used in the 2-band a-m section of the Laureate model of the E. H. Scott Radio Labs. There are two separated high Q loops, one for each band, and each loop has a loading coil. Note that the trimmers for both loop circuits are located on the low (loop) side of the loading coils rather than at the grid input, the point of highest impedance. The external antenna is coupled by the single-turn method to the large loop and by stray coupling to the short-wave loop. The latter consists of a single large turn rather than a number of smaller turns. This arrangement gives greater pickup.

The tuning range of the short-wave band is reduced by the insertion of a 175-mmfd fixed capacitor in series with the tuning condenser. Another 250-mmfd capacitor isolates the loops from the r-f amplifier grid. This amplifier uses a 1,000-ohm cathode bias resistor to supplement the avc bias.

Tapped Low-Impedance Loop

The input circuit of the Philco models 42-853, 42-854, use a tapped low-impedance loop, the tap being used for antenna coupling for a large external antenna and also for short-wave loop performance. On broadcast, the loop feeds in iron core, very high Q autotransformer exactly as in Fig. 6, except for the low-impedance tap which permits a better match with a long- or high-capacity antenna. This is connected to the center binding post on the antenna strip.

Triodes as Converters

The right hand post is connected to the outside of the loop and is for a short or low-capacity antenna, as in Fig. 6. On short-waves, the loop tap is connected to the chassis and the outside is connected across a simple coil, the net inductance being correct for proper ganging. In this receiver, the oscillator voltage is fed to the converter by a very small grid-to-grid capacitor on the bandswitch. Whereas most manufacturers use the conventional multi-grid converter tubes, Philco often uses triodes for converter functions. This requires an additional triode for the local oscillator.

Dual Loop Input

A dual-loop, 2 band design with novel external antenna coupling and a simple bandswitching method is featured in the G.E. model L-642. Here the antenna is coupled to the broadcast loop by means of the usual single turn primary and a 680-ohm series resistor which has two separate functions; flattening of the frequency/coupling curve and as a substitute for a r-f choke to prevent shunting of the short-wave signals through the loop primary to ground. On the other hand, a small capacitor, 39 mmfd, is used as a series condenser to couple the external antenna to a short-wave loop at a low-impedance tap. This capacitor also reduces the shunting effect of broadcast frequency signals. The short-wave loop has a second tap for the tuning condenser providing band-spread action, in conjunction with a 250-mmfd series capacitor.

Bandswitching is accomplished by a double-pole, double-throw switch. In this receiver the short-wave loop is placed horizontally on top of the cabinet while the broadcast loop is in a vertical plane below. A fixed-tune r-f transformer is used between the 12B7 r-f amplifier and 12SA7 converter which also contains an i-f wavetrap.

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CHECKING DEAD RECEIVERS

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tain that it is present in the line cord at all.

Socket contacts sometimes loosen, causing intermittent lighting. The best procedure to follow here is to wiggle all the tubes about, noting where the intermittent occurs. If the lights are put out, sparking will locate the defective contact. Socket contacts may also short to ground and cause intermittent lighting. Socket lugs bent over, and resting near the chassis, are usually the cause of the trouble.

Intermittent filaments in a-c/d-c sets are quite common. Tube testers are generally inadequate in locating this type of defect. When the tubes have temporarily gone out, the a-c section of the voltmeter should be placed across each of the filaments in turn. When the full line voltage reading occurs, temporarily or permanently, the defective filament has been found. This reading is available because the voltmeter is in series with the tubes when it is placed across the open filament. Since the resistance of the voltmeter is much higher than that of the filaments, practically all of the line voltage is dropped across it.

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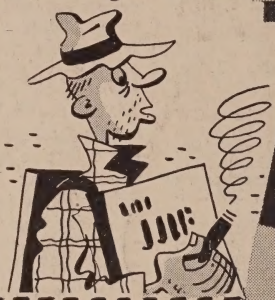

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